

RUSTLER PICKLE DISH.

It is not considered an offense for a switchman to flag at his work. Most people ask advice in order to secure some confirmation of their own decisions.

Teacher, (in grammar class)—"Tommy, correct the sentence, 'I kissed her once.' Tommy—"I kissed her twice."

"So you live in Chicago?" "Yes." "Are you interested in the fair?" "You bet, I'm engaged to two of 'em, now."

They have a skeleton in their closet, I am certain. "You are wrong. It is one of those patent dress forms. I saw it myself."

He—"I have had you a good deal in my mind lately, Miss Helen." She—"You always did try to make me feel small, Mr. Chumpley."

It nearly always spoils the effect of the sermon on a man when he intends to put a nickel on the plate and absent-mindedly puts on a quarter.

"But, Marie, my dear," said her mother, "Harlow is extravagant." "Better than than meanness, mother. Extravagance may be curbed, but meanness is indestructible."

Editor-in-Chief, to managing editor—"I understand that James has resigned." Managing Editor—"James has abdicated, sir, not resigned. James, you will remember, was the office boy."

"My theory about Hamlet," said Baconius, mysteriously, "is that he was a printer." "And on what do you base this theory?" asked Criticus. "On that line in which he said, 'either subdue the devil or throw him out.'"

They had been talking about Beethoven, "Vogner," Annie Rooney, and other musical celebrities when she remarked: "Do you know 'Maggie Murphey's Home'?" "No! is she?" he exclaimed, somewhat startled at the sudden change of subject. "I didn't know she was away."

There was a fire down at Albuquerque not many months ago, and a local reporter went around to write it up. Seeing a business man standing near, gazing at the work of the lurid flames, he asked if it was the work of an incendiary. "Dunno," said the b. m., "It may be, but my opinion is it was not."

He—"We shall never be able to get back to the hotel before night-fall."

She—"Dear me, how dreadfully improper."

He—"There is only one way out of it, and that is for us to be engaged."

She—"Well, I think I prefer to lose my reputation."

David Kerr, writing of the people whom he has visited, says that in Siam the servant always comes into the presence of the master on all fours, and in serving dinner the waiter comes on his knees, bearing his tray before him. Inasmuch as this decreases the probability that he will spill the soup on the guest's head, there are restaurants in this great and glorious country of ours which might profitably take tips from Siam.

A Cerrillos mother came sniffing into the house the other day where her youthful son was enjoying himself in his own way.

"Johnnie," she said, "are you smoking a cigarette?"

"No'm," he answered from behind the curtain, as he threw something out of the window.

"Yes you are, too, I smell it."

"No'm, I ain't," he insisted. "It was only a cigar stump I found in the street."

"Oh," she said, apparently much relieved, "I beg your pardon; but don't let me catch you smoking a cigarette. Do you hear me?"

"Yes'm," and Johnnie went out and restored the stump to its previous position.

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